



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make *RESERVATIONS*.

*Programs marked with an * are wheelchair accessible.*

April 19 – April 25, 2010

Monday, April 19

10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

3:00 p.m. Back from the Brink*

From javelina to quail, desert wildlife can find fast food on every corner of the desert. Join us in the Cactus Garden to meet some of these customers and the menu items they enjoy

Tuesday, April 20

10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

10:00 a.m. Natural History Table

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered about the natural history of the Sonoran Desert. This is an on-going, 30-minute program.

2:30 p.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert*

Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

7:00 p.m. Back from the Brink*

What do you mean there were grizzly bears in Arizona? Join a park ranger in the visitor center auditorium to explore the natural history of the grizzly (and 2 other top predators) that once roamed in what is now Saguaro National Park. We will take a look at their past, present and future status in the American Southwest.

Wednesday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. What's for Dinner?

Join a ranger on this 2-hour walk to learn what the local wildlife dines on in the desert.

3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

Thursday, April 22

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

7:00 p.m. 50 States, 50 Parks*

In celebration of National Park Week, we'll take you on a whirlwind journey through all 50 states to visit a unit of the National Park System in each – except one. Join Park Guide Jeff Wallner to learn which state doesn't have a park system area (yet...) and to explore both world famous and lesser known sites all around the United States.

Friday, April 23

10:00 a.m. What's for Dinner?

Join a ranger on this 2-hour walk to learn what the local wildlife dines on in the desert.

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

7:00 p.m. Night Walk

Join a park naturalist for this easy two-hour hike to explore and experience the Sonoran Desert at night. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a flashlight. As space is limited, *advanced reservations are required*, and can be made by calling 733-5153.

Saturday, April 24

10:00 a.m. National Junior Rangers

Hey, kids! Here's a chance to earn your Saguaro Junior Ranger Badge and special patches in recognition of National Junior Ranger Day! You'll spend time with Park Rangers studying the challenge of Earth's changing climate in your National Parks – with films, games and activities. There are two 1 1/2-hour sessions; space is limited, so call (520) 733-5153 to make required reservations. ***This program will also be offered at 2:00 p.m.***

Sunday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

2:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today and...Saguaro? *

Change is coming to the Cactus Forest and we can't do anything about it! But don't worry – change has been happening here for thousands of years. Come explore the life cycles of the saguaro cactus and the changing face of its Sonoran Desert home on this ¼ mile, 90-minute walk.